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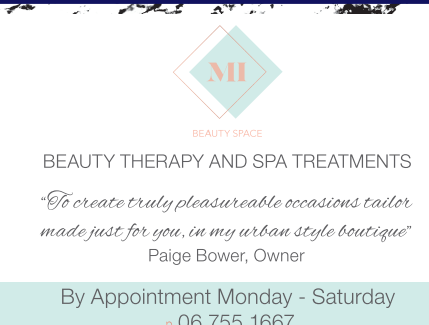
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OUR VISION

To provide in partnership with home and community the educational opportunities for all pupils to develop into life long learners who actively contribute to society in a positive way.



15TH FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Cooper Smith received a very big welcome not only from the other children in his class but from their big buddies in Room 16 who, along with the rest of the school, shared books together at Buddy Time. We’re pleased you have come to our school Cooper.

STUDENT COUNCIL

It was a very special assembly on Friday when we inducted our new Student Council for the first half of the year.

Congratulations: Head Girl – Tessa Georgeson, Head Boy – Daniel Bradburn

Kereru – Heath Cummings & Jade Hassall

Piwaiwaka – Ashdin Tuuta-de Thierry & Penny Hambling

Takahe – Campbell Smith & Samantha Reade

Kotuku – Amber Jordan & Jackie Callander

Explorers Club Captain – Amy Ellis

Congratulations also to the following students who received Principal’s Awards at our recent Celebration Assembly:

Nathan Bell, Lucca McDonald, Jackie Callander, Amber Jordan, Curtis Bennett, Briarna Aiono, Joshua Cope, Alaina Maltby, Kate Henry, Taryn Christiansen, Julia Leach, Harvey Crane, Shion Boyd, Chris Lee, Bella Peters, Maddie Dixon, Matthew Masters, Mia Padrutt, Lilyanna Lea’ana, Zane Baird, Carter White, Cian Flannagan, Ramaya Ram, Kanye Pomona, Brooklyn Plowright, Luca Poi, Daniel Setoudeh, Amelia Lea’ana, Libby Warner, Leo Waruhia, Maddison Bovett.

AIMS GAMES

Tauranga & Mount Maunganui

DATES: Sunday 10th September 2017 - Friday 15th September 2017

COSTS: TBC (2016 was roughly \$850)

AIMS Games are a sporting championship that provides Year 7 & 8s an opportunity to compete as an individual or as a team against the best of their age in 19 different sports. The aim of the event is to provide opportunities for students in their Intermediate years to compete at an elite level, be active, celebrate fair play and enjoy success. In 2016 there were over 8,000 students participating.

If students and their families wish to enter the Games please do so. The sports will most likely be individual as we don’t have a team in the Intermediate years currently performing at an elite level. We had set our hopes on hockey but two of our stars are returning to live in Australia. Please be aware that unfortunately this year the AIMS Games clashes with our school production which would mean students choosing between participating in the Games or the Production.

CONCERNS OVER YOUR CHILDREN

With the newsletter today is a copy of our Concerns and Complaints policy, outlining the process for raising anything at all that is causing concern. In the first instance, where ever possible, please talk to the person concerned, usually the teacher and if you feel there needs to be a follow up please make a time to see me. If we talk directly about what is concerning us when the concern first arises often we can resolve things before it gets to be a major problem.

Meet the Teacher and set goals for your child/ren -Thursday 23 February

We hope all our students will have at least one parent or guardian come to these very important meetings to discuss class programmes and to set goals for the first half of the year.

Interviews will be held in the classrooms between 8.00 - 8.30am and 3.10 - 7.30pm. Interviews must be booked online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code using the event code c255k. For further information please see the notice which was sent home last week.

SPORTS

Registrations for Inline Hockey close this Friday 17 February. Please hand your forms and money to the office.

Cricket registrations have now closed. Touch teams are being organised this week – please stand by for more information.

PTA News

Gala Friday March 3rd, 5pm – 7.30pm

The Gala is only 2 weeks away and we are already getting excited! It is going to be a great afternoon/evening for our children and their families and friends. Please make sure to spread the word! And please don’t forget to “like” our Facebook page and invite your friends. There will be bouncy castles, obstacle courses, truck and car rides, quick fire raffles with awesome prizes, face painting, fun games and lots of delicious food. And Monique Matthews will be singing for us! A flyer was handed out last Friday and Monday with the donation time line. Below you can find the dates again:

Mon. 20th - Grocery item for raffle or bottle of anything for prizes

Tue. 21st - Items for Auction

Wed. 22nd - Pamper Pack item

Thu. 23rd - Chocolate item

Fri. 24th - Children’s prize pack item

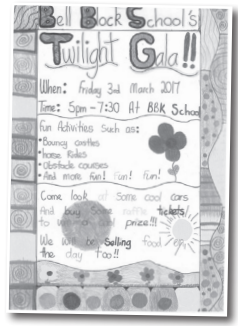
Mon. 27th - White Elephant/Garage Sale items

Tue. 28th - Books/DVD’s

Thu. 2nd March &- Cakes/sweets

Fri. 3rd March

We would love to hear from you if you can help us at the Gala. We really need more helpers. You can help with running one of the activities or selling food at one of the many food stalls. It would only be for a certain time slot so everyone will be able to enjoy this event with their family and friends. Please contact Gösta on 022 3531639 or leave your name and number with Christine or Kim at the office.



FROM THE MIDDLE TEAM

The Middle Team teachers have really enjoyed meeting the new children in their classes. The Year 4 students have been really good helpers to our Year 3s and new students to make sure that they know where things are in our classes and how we do things in the Middle Team. We have had a busy first week of swimming and have had an increased number of children bringing their togs. Remember in the Middle Team we swim Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Monday we had our first session with Sport Taranaki with the focus being on cooperative games and communicating. Ask your child about the skills they learnt in their session.

DONATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY FEES

Technology fees and donations are now due. We would greatly appreciate a donation of \$60 per child for 2017. Technology fees for Y7 & 8 students are \$14 per term or \$56 per year and are due now as Technology has already commenced.

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Hapū / A group of extended whānau with all members tracing descent from a common ancestor. MAORI BORDER PLEASE



PIANO & FLUTE LESSONS

Lessons will resume on Tuesday 28 February & Wednesday 1 March with Lesley MacDonald (New Zealand Modern School of Music). If the times your children had last year still suit, we will keep those times. If you need to change please contact Lesley on 021 767 282. New pupils welcome.

TUCKSHOP

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL - Mini Cookie Cupcakes \$2, Fruit Salad \$3, Chocolate Slice \$2

Afternoon tea can also be ordered. Thank you for your support. Check out our Facebook page: The Tuckshop @ Bell Block School. EFTPOS available.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
Thursday 23 February	Meet the Teachers
Friday 24 February	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Friday 3 March	School Gala 5pm – 7:30pm
Friday 10 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Monday 13 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day – school will be closed
Thursday 16 March	Junior School Swimming Sports & Explorers Swimming Sports
Friday 17 March	Y3-8 School Swimming Sports
Monday 20 March	School Triathlon
Thursday 23 March	School Photos
Friday 24 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Wednesday 29 March	ICAS entries close

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

T20 Cricket girls competition running in Term 1 - Monday 20th Feb -27th March - Monday nights. Girls Year 4-8. Umpiring and coaching will be done by TCA coaches and members of the Taranaki U18 Girls Squad. To register go to www.crichq.com. Sub is \$30.

The North Taranaki SPCA Open Day is on Sunday 26th February 2017 from 10am - 2pm. 75 Colson Road, New Plymouth. Gold coin donation entry - Lots of fun for the whole family! It gives people an opportunity to have a look around our Centre, meet some lovely animals and have some fun.

Taranaki SuperKidz TRYathlon Series...15 & 23 February and 2, 9 & 16 March at Francis Douglas Memorial College 5:30pm start – Y1-9 students. More info at www.tritaranaki.nz

TENNIS HOTSHOTS at Waiwaka Tennis Club, Chilman St starts the week of 6 Feb. Coaching on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, ages 5+ yrs . Tuesday HOTSHOTS open to club members and non club members to play with friends or family or join in organised games. Enquiries to Yvonne 021 1736760.

On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal